

# ST. MARY'S YARRAM & ST. JOSEPH'S FOSTER

(Including St. Gerard Woodside, St. Agnes Toora and Immaculate Conception Fish Creek)

**St. Joseph's Mission Statement: We strive to:**  
Be an active, open, Christ centred community, building bridges towards the kingdom.

## St Mary's Vision Statement:

Our parish is a faith community that aims to make Jesus known and loved by living the Gospel message of acceptance, welcome and service to all members of the community.



## St Mary's Mission Statement: We strive to:

Continue to be an active, prayerful, and sacramental faith community.

Grow in faithfulness to our Catholic tradition by full participation in Eucharistic celebrations sacraments and prayer. Respect and value all creation. Use our time, talents, and treasures to provide quality human, financial and facility resources to sustain and serve our parish's faith community and the wider community.

## Statement of Commitment to the safety of children and vulnerable adults:

Central to the mission of St Mary's and St. Joseph's Parishes is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children, young people and vulnerable adults and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

## Parish Information

### Parish Priest:

Fr. Confidence Masvosva

### Priests' Residence:

5 Buckley Street, Yarram.

**Parish Office:** 5182 5028

PO Box 59 Yarram, 3971

**Email:** Confidence.masvosva@cdsale.org.au

St Mary's **Facebook Link:** -

<https://fb.me/StMarysYarram>

St Joseph's **Facebook Link:** -

<https://fb.me/StJosephsFoster>

### Parish Secretary

Diana Cannizzo

### Bookkeeper

Janette Sampson

### Bulletin Notices: By Thursday

yarram@cdsale.org.au

### Office Hours:

Thursday 9.30am - 3.00pm

Friday 9.30am - 3.00pm

### Safeguarding Officers

**Yarram** - Janette Sampson

**Foster** - Richard Denbrok

### Maintenance Personnel

**Yarram** - Eugen Benc:

51891203

**Foster** -

### Sick Calls or Communion to the Sick:

5182 5028 or

Leave a message, with your name and contact number as well as details of the person who is ill.

### Baptisms:

At least 4 weeks notice please.

### Weddings:

At least 6 months notice please.

### St. Mary's Primary

### School:Principal:

Mrs Maria Moore 5182 5659



**14TH SEPTEMBER 2025 - YEAR C**  
**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**



**HAPPY PARISH FEAST DAY**  
**ST MARY'S, YARRAM**  
**NATIVITY OF MARY**

**Sunday 14th September**  
**11:00am MASS**

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

## MASS TIMES this week

### Yarram

**Sunday - 9am**

**Thursday 11am, Funeral Eva Dippolito**

**Friday 10am**

### Fish Creek

**Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass**

**(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)**

**1st & 3rd Wed of the month, 9.30am**

### Foster

**Sunday - 11am**

**Wednesday 11am**

**(2nd Wed of the month at Prom Care)**

### Toora

**Saturday 4.30pm Vigil Mass**

**(Sat before 5th Sunday - Liturgy)**

**SEPTEMBER: DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - YARRAM

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Anne-Marie Robb (Chairperson) Maria Moore (Principal, Deputy Chairperson) Leonore Giliberto, Sue Benc, Jennifer Heeraman-Nieuwenhuizen, Prisca Gabiana

### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK YARRAM

**Sick Parishioners:** Macy Sampson, John O'Callaghan, Margaret Muir, Therese Morris, Loretta Clark, and all those we keep in our hearts. .

**Recently Deceased:** Eva Maria Dippolito

**Anniversaries:** Ben Van kuyk, Bill Pretty, Lois Fahl, Brendan Murphy, Frank Triandafylton, Mary Jane Brown, Leigh Ramon Grant, Harold Smith **May they rest in peace.**

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - FOSTER

Fr. Confidence Masvosva, Sandra Stefani (Deputy Chairperson), Leanne Denbrok, John Denbrok (Youth Representative), Mary Gobel (Youth Representative) Wilemena Low

### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK FOSTER

**Sick Parishioners:** Roz Bryan, Ken Vagg, Maria Pangrazzi, Robert Vuillermin, Frank Stefani, Kath Hurst, John Box, Dawn and Ashton Farrell, and all those we keep in our hearts.

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Peele

**May they rest in peace**

### YARRAM - JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE JUBILEE OF OUTREACH TO THE POOR

#### SATURDAY 29th November

As part of the Diocesan Jubilee of Hope, St Mary's Parish Yarram will celebrate "Jubilee of Outreach to the Poor" on Saturday 29th November 2025. All are invited to join us for 11.00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Gregory Bennet, followed by a simple lunch.

It has come to our attention that many people in the community do not know where to go if they need assistance, either materially, mentally, or financially. So we are getting as many charitable services in town involved as possible, with talks after each Mass in November and displays and handouts available, directing people to each service.

We ask parishioners to please donate non-perishable goods so that we can assemble hampers that can be distributed throughout the community. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and can be left at the Parish Office between 9.30am and 3.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays, or can be left at the back of the church. A monetary collection will be taken up on the day in support of Outreach to the Poor.

**A big thank you to all who have already donated so generously.**

### PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY

God our Father,

**Give your chosen people your help and strength.**

**The birth of the Virgin Mary's son was the dawn of our salvation.**

**May our celebration of her nativity bring us closer to lasting peace.**

**And may the virtues that she modeled develop in our lives.**

**To love you and our neighbours more perfectly.**

**Grant this through Christ, our Lord**

**Amen**

### ST MARY'S WORKING BEE

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all volunteers  
who came along to help clean our church.  
You are very much appreciated. God bless you.

### TIME TO DEEPEN SOLIDARITY WITH MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Australian Catholics are encouraged to reflect on stories of hope as they mark the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on **Sunday, October 5.**

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has produced a set of resources based on the theme for this year "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope", which is aligned with the Jubilee of Migrants.

To read the media statement please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ydmckrf9>



This Sunday, we mark **Safeguarding Sunday**. Bishop Greg Bennet reminds us that creating a safe and welcoming Church for our children is a mission for every one of us. Let us reflect on our shared responsibility in this vital work. For the full statement from Australia's bishops and other resources, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/58v5z43m>



**Thank you to those making donations**  
**God bless your generosity**

**31.8.25 Planned Giving - \$507.00 Presbytery Collection - \$272.05**

#### Foster Church Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—527413354

#### Foster Presbytery Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—296638619



**Thank you to those making donations**  
**God bless your generosity**

**7.9.25 Planned Giving - \$263.10 Presbytery Collection - \$133.30**

#### Yarram Church Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—527668496

#### Yarram Presbytery Account

NAB—BSB 083-879

Account No—157911099



**Information about the Parish of Yarram and Foster**  
can be obtained from the Catholic Diocese of Sale website at [www.cdsale.org.au](http://www.cdsale.org.au)

**ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH:** Would you like information about the Parish and our programs or know someone else who does? Please see our Priest today or fill in a Welcome Card which is available at the Church entrances.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Any parishioners who cannot attend Mass due to illness or frailty and would like to receive Communion, and a visit from Fr Confidence are asked to contact the Parish office on 5182 5028.

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK:** If you have a loved one who would like to be included in the prayers for the sick, please let the office know for inclusion in the bulletin. Please also advise the office if you want a name removed.

#### **YARRAM PARISH DIARY - SEPTEMBER**

**MORNING TEA AFTER MASS:** 12th October, PPC

**JUBILEE COMMITTEE:** Wednesday 17th @ 2pm

**EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Every Thursday 10am

#### **FOSTER PARISH DIARY - SEPTEMBER**

**FOSTER:** Every Monday, 8.30am Rosary followed by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion @ 9.00AM

**FOSTER:** Every Wednesday 10.30AM Rosary

**PRAYER GROUP, FISH CREEK:** Every Wednesday, 10.30am, in Church. Prayers for the sick and dying, followed by Mass or Liturgy at 11.00am.

#### **FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:**

**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions to the Priests' Welfare Foundation.

#### **A CALL TO HONOUR OUR CATECHISTS PAST & PRESENT**

The Diocese is planning a special Jubilee event in Maffra to thank and recognize the dedicated catechists who have served in our parishes over the years.

To ensure we can invite everyone, we are compiling a diocesan-wide list. If you are a current or former catechist, we ask you to **please contact the parish office**. We also ask for your help in reaching out to friends or family members who have served in this ministry, encouraging them to get in touch.

#### **SAFETRAC TRAINING**

**ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS**, please watch out for the Safetrac online training email. Only new volunteers and those volunteers who haven't completed the training in the last 3 years will be receiving an email.

We don't expect you will run into any issues, but reach out to your Safeguarding Officer if you have any problems. Thanks, Safeguarding

## **JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS**

"Sowers of the Word, Shepherds of Faith"

A 2-day Pilgrimage to the Heart of Gippsland



#### **Day 1**

**Saturday, September 27th, 2025**

**St. Joseph's Dargo**

(Leave St Mary's Maffra by 10:00am return 4:30pm)

Spend time in prayer and contemplation, then visit the cemetery. Followed by shared lunch.

**St. Michael's Heyfield**

Join local parishioners for Rosary at 5:15 pm, followed by Mass at 6:00 pm

#### **Day 2**

**Sunday, Sept 28th, 2025**

**St. Mary's Church Maffra**

8:25 am: Rosary, Mass, and a blessing of Catechists will take place at St. Mary's, Maffra. Followed by a cuppa and a visit to the old school and convent.

**St. Ita's Newry: Sunday**

11:00am Mass, in the 135yr old church amongst the paddocks.

**St. Brigid's Cowwarr**

Finish off with Adoration and Benediction at 12:30pm in this beautiful, historic church followed by a BYO shared lunch at 1p.m.



Accommodation: Various options are available, including a free RV camp in Heyfield, free camping at Newry, a motel, or paid camping at Lake Glenmaggie.

For more information and RSVP, please contact Parish office: 51471921  
Christa, 0456713686, Anne 0408471021, Steve 0427611866, Terry 0408471560

#### **PARISH ROSTER—YARRAM**

##### **14th September**

**Commentator** R Irving  
**Reader** J Papworth  
**Offertory** Telling family  
**Special Minister** P McAninly  
**Counting** M & S Telling

##### **21st September**

**Commentator** Sampson girls  
**Reader** L Giliberto  
**Offertory** Prisca & Noah  
**Special Minister** J Allgood  
**Counting** M Giliberto, Volunteer

#### **PARISH ROSTER—FOSTER**

##### **14th September**

**Counting** Carmel & Tricia  
**Commentator** Terry Harrington  
**Reader** Des Hansen  
**Special Minister** Richard Denbrok  
**Flowers** Mandy Emanuel

##### **21st September**

**Counting** Leanne & Terry  
**Commentator** John Denbrok  
**Reader** Terry Harrington  
**Special Minister** Maree Gobel  
**Flowers** Teresa Richards  
**Cleaners** Des & Cliff

#### **FISH CREEK**

**13th Sept. - 6.00pm MASS**  
**Reader** Bianca Stefani

**20th Sept. - 6.00pm MASS**  
**Reader** Nadia Stefani

#### **TOORA**

**13th Sept. - 4.30pm MASS**  
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe

**20th Sept. - 4.30pm MASS**  
(on rotation) J Moysey & W Lowe



## First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

**(R.)** Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R.)**
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,  
return and seek him in earnest.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. **(R.)**
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;  
they lied to him with their lips.  
For their hearts were not truly with him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R.)**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger  
when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The state of Jesus was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high

and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**The Word of the Lord**

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your cross you have redeemed the  
world.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who came down from heaven,  
the Son of Man who is in heaven;  
and the Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal  
life in him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be  
lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be  
saved.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**



*Next Weeks Readings - 21st September*  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading	Amos 8:4-7
Responsorial Psalm	112:1-2, 4-8
Second Reading	1 Tim 2:1-8
Gospel Acclamation	(2 Cor 8:9)
Gospel	Lk 16:1-13